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1. FOR EMBASSY'S BACKGROUND DEPT IS PROVIDING BRIEF
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SUMMARY OF UN PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING HUMAN RIGHTS
COMPLAINTS LIKE THAT OF INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS (ILHR) CONCERNING GUINEA. WE UNDERSTAND FROM
ILHR THAT ITS COMPLAINT HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO SECRETARY-
GENERAL, AND PROBABLY WILL BE HANDLED IN THE SAME MANNER
AS A PRIVATE COMMUNICATION CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS EVEN
THOUGH THE ILHR ALSO TOLD US THAT IT HAS RELEASED THE

REPORT TO THE PRESS AND SENT A COPY TO THE GUINEAN AMBASSADOR.

2. THE UN PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS WAS ESTABLISHED BY ECOSOC RESOLUTION 1503, ADOPTED IN MAY 1970. THE PROCEDURE, WHICH IS A CONFIDENTIAL ONE, CONSISTS OF FOLLOWING STEPS:

(A) COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE UN ARE REFERRED TO HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION IN GENEVA.

(B) THEY ARE REVIEWED INITIALLY BY A FIVE-MEMBER WORKING GROUP DRAWN FROM MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES, A SUBSIDIARY BODY OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. THE COMPOSITION OF THE WORKING GROUP REFLECTS THE VARIOUS GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS ON THE SUBCOMMISSION. THE WORKING GROUP MEMBERS ARE SELECTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCOMMISSION AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MEMBERS OF EACH GEOGRAPHICAL AREA. BEVERLY CARTER, THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO LIBERIA, IS CURRENTLY THE MEMBER SELECTED FROM THE WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER GROUP. THE OTHER CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP ARE NATIONALS OF NICARAGUA, PAKISTAN, GHANA AND THE USSR. THE TASK OF THE WORKING GROUP IS TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SUBCOMMISSION THOSE COMMUNICATIONS, TOGETHER WITH REPLIES OF GOVERNMENTS, IF ANY, AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION, THAT APPEARS TO REVEAL A CONSISTENT PATTERN OF GROSS AND RELIABLY ATTESTED VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FREEDOMS.

(C) THE NEXT STEP IS FOR THE SUBCOMMISSION, WHICH CONSISTS OF EXPERT MEMBERS SERVING IN THEIR PERSONAL CAPACITIES, TO REVIEW THE WORKING GROUP'S REPORT. WHEN IN THE SUBCOMMISSION'S JUDGMENT A SITUATION REVEALS A CONSISTENT PATTERN OF GROSS VIOLATIONS THE MATTER IS REFERRED TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

(D) NEXT, A WORKING GROUP OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION REVIEWS THE REFERRALS MADE BY THE SUBCOMMISSION.

(E) FINALLY, THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MUST DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE SITUATIONS REFERRED TO IT REQUIRE A THOROUGH STUDY OR AN INVESTIGATION BY AN AD HOC COMMITTEE.

3. THE ANNUAL CYCLE FOR DEALING WITH PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS IS AS FOLLOWS: THE SUBCOMMISSION MEETS AND COMPLETES ITS WORK IN AUGUST-SEPTEMBER. THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

MEETS IN FEBRUARY-MARCH. MEETINGS OF BOTH BODIES
DEALING WITH PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS ARE CLOSED, IN ORDER
TO PRESERVE CONFIDENTIALITY. GOVERNMENTS ARE INFORMED
OF ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THEM AND ASKED TO REPORT. IF AND
WHEN A SITUATION IS TAKEN UP BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION, THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED IS INVITED TO APPEAR
BEFORE THE COMMISSION TO DELIVER A STATEMENT OF ITS
POSITION AND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

5. DEPARTMENT IS POUCHING COPY OF ILHR REPORT TO CONAKRY.

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